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all four stereoisomers, wherein the racemisation comprises reacting the unwanted enantiomer with an acid; enriching said mixture following racemisation wherein the *d-threo* and *l-threo* stereoisomers of methylphenidate are enriched over said *d-erythro* and *l-erythro* stereoisomers of methylphenidate; and separation of said *d-erythro* and *l-erythro* stereoisomers, to leave the said mixture of *d-threo*-methylphenidate and *l-threo*-methylphenidate enantiomers for resolution.

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Claim 3 (amended):

3. The process, according to claim 1, wherein the racemisation comprises heating the unwanted enantiomer with an achiral carboxylic acid.

Please add the following new claim:

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8. The process, according to claim 1, wherein the racemisation comprises heating the unwanted enantiomer with a carboxylic acid.
